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1. [redacted] Called John Martiny, General Counsel, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and inquired as to the outcome of the Committee meeting which was scheduled for this morning on S. 1688, the Ervin bill, which protects the constitutional rights of Federal employees. Martiny said the meeting was cancelled for lack of a quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 December, however, he doubted that the bill will come up again as it will be too late in the session for any floor action.

2. [redacted] Called Jim Kronfeld, Counsel, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, House Government Operations Committee, and discussed the vote by the Congress overriding the President's veto of H.R. 12471, which amends the Freedom of Information Act. I referred to the published statement by Subcommittee Chairman Moorhead commenting on the President's veto in which Moorhead had indicated that after the veto was overridden his Subcommittee would hold hearings to review the President's objections and to determine if future amendments to the Freedom of Information Act were needed. Kronfeld said that no hearings are to be held in this session. The Subcommittee, however, recognizes there will be problems and they will exercise close oversight of the implementation of the law by the Executive. He added that the Subcommittee will hold hearings to study any problems early in the next Congress. I also inquired as to the passage today by the House of H.R. 16373, the Right to Privacy Act. I expressed our appreciation to the Chairman, other Committee members and the staff for defeating the Abzug amendment which would have struck the exemption for CIA. Kronfeld said that during the debate, Representatives Holifield, Moorhead and Erlenborn strongly supported the Agency's need for an exemption.

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3. [] Received a call from Pete Bonner, Minority Counsel, Senate Appropriations Defense Subcommittee, who said he had talked to Senator Milton Young about the problem amendment to the Freedom of Information Act would cause for us. Bonner said while Young was sympathetic to our situation, he had been pinned down by the press on this issue during the recent political campaign and had made a commitment to support the Freedom of Information Act on the question of overriding the President's veto. I told Bonner we wished the situation were different but we understood the circumstances and I thanked him for pursuing the matter with Young on our behalf.

4. [] Accompanied the Director and Messrs. [] to the monthly briefing of the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee. See Memo for Record.

5. [] Talked to Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and confirmed the briefing for 27 November at 10:30 a.m. for the Special Group. [] has been advised.

I also discussed with him the Ryan amendment, section 660 of H. R. 17234 the Foreign Assistance Act.

6. [] Met with Dorothy Fosdick, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations staff, Senate Government Operations Committee, in response to her phone call, and received from her a constituent letter enclosing a press item concerning PLO involvement in the death of the ambassador to Sudan. Fosdick asked if we would provide comment on the item for Senator Henry M. Jackson's information. [] DDO, has been advised.

7. [] Met with Bill Hogan, House Armed Services Committee staff, and received from him copies of the transcript of Mr. Helms' testimony of 17 May 1973 and 7 March 1974 as declassified by the Committee. The transcripts have not yet been released to the court nor to the press.

I also received from Hogan copies of correspondence from Representative []

8. [] Delivered to Jack Ticer, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, a set of the OCI world maps.

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